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8 November 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Clearance Division, OS

SUBJECT : Clearance for Access to Classified Information [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : Our Memo to Chief, Industrial Certification Branch, Same Subject, 21 August 1973

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1. [REDACTED] a former OSS officer who is currently writing a book on OSS activities in French Indochina, applied for access to classified OSS records now in the custody of the Agency. The application was approved by then Acting Director of Central Intelligence Vernon A. Walters on 24 August 1973. The requisite forms were transmitted to your office by referenced memo, and security check processing was commenced.

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2. [REDACTED] of your staff has advised me that the name checks have now been completed, but that additional information will be required to complete the action.

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3. It is requested that [REDACTED] be approved for access to Top Secret material. The Office of the Assistant to the Director has agreed to provide office space for [REDACTED] and personnel from that office will keep him under surveillance during working hours. Escort duties will be shared by this office and the Assistant to the Director.

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4. The documents specifically requested by [REDACTED] most of which were drafted by him during his tenure with the OSS, have been located and copies have been made for his use. [REDACTED] has agreed to submit his notes to this office for clearance, and they will be released to him only after clearance processing has been completed. The book manuscript will also be submitted to the Agency for clearance prior to publication.

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5. [REDACTED] advises us that he has already completed approximately 400 pages of his manuscript. He would like to begin his research at the Agency at the earliest possible time. He has been told that the clearance processing may be completed as early as 16 November 1973, and that we would promptly inform him as to the results. It would therefore be appreciated if action on this request could be expedited. [REDACTED] estimates that it will take two to three weeks to complete his work at the Agency.

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SIGNED

[REDACTED]
Classification Programs Branch
Information Systems Analysis Staff

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cc: Assistant to the Director
(Attn: [REDACTED])

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